

Chariton Courier.

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SENATOR SHERMAN'S opinion on our South American complications ought to carry a great deal of weight with it. He has long been known as one of our ablest North American statesmen.

The jury failed to agree in the case of Defaulting State Treasurer Woodruff, of Arkansas. Woodruff was short in his accounts with the state nearly \$100,000, and he ought to be sent to the penitentiary to pay the penalty of his transgressions.

The supreme court of Missouri handed down a decision Monday declaring the anti-pool-room law constitutional. The law was held to be unconstitutional by Judge Claiborne, of St. Louis, and was appealed from his decision to the supreme court.

In case that Cleveland and Boies are the Democratic standard bearers in the national campaign of 1892, Buffalo, New York, would certainly be made to feel her importance. Both Grover Cleveland and Horace Boies hail from Buffalo, and begun the practice of law in that city.

The District of Columbia supreme court has knocked political assessments into a cocked hat, having handed down an opinion Monday that solicitors of such assessments from government employees are liable to prosecution in the criminal courts. It has been the custom of the Republican party to make government employees, under national Republican administration come down liberally with campaign funds. Such contributions hereafter will be entirely voluntary. This is as it should be, but will work some "hardships" on protected millionaires manufacturers who will have to furnish more "fat" to be tried out to perpetuate the power of the g. o. p. and keep plutocracy on its throne.

THREE candidates for state treasurer have shied their casters in the political arena, viz: R. T. Gentry, of Pettis county; Frank Pitts, of Monroe, and the present incumbent, Lon V. Stephens, of Cooper. Mr. Stephens took charge of the affairs of the office by the appointment of Gov. Francis, superseding Defunct Ed. Noland, and has brought order out of chaos. He has proven his efficiency in every way to handle the state's finances, and the people certainly owe it to Mr. Stephens, and the interests of the state demand that he be made his own successor. He has been tried, and found to fill the bill as Missouri's treasurer to a nicety.

Some of our exchanges are worrying themselves into a frenzy about Gov. Francis calling an extra session of the legislature, and are fearful that the chief executive will not call Missouri's lawmakers together to redistrict the state into congressional districts. By the 1890 census Missouri is entitled to an additional congressional district, and an additional presidential elector, being allowed one elector for every U. S. senator and representative she has in congress. Missouri has had sixteen presidential electors for some years, but the 1890 census and the new apportionment entitles her to another congressional district, giving us of the latter seventeen. Of course Missouri can not afford to lose the opportunity of electing her 15th congressman to which she is certainly entitled. Neither can the state disregard her interests by not claiming her right to a seventeenth presidential elector. The Courier is not inclined to borrow trouble over the matter, however, being satisfied that Missouri's able chief executive will see that Missouri has all that she is entitled to, both in the halls of congress and in naming the next president of the United States. The welfare of the state is in "our Dave's" hands, and if it is necessary, in order that Missouri have her rights, that an extra session of the legislature be called to redistrict the state, then Gov. Francis will call it, and that is all there is of it.

THE proprietors of the Salisbury Press-Spectator are keeping up their reputation of never missing an opportunity to slur Keytesville. Such journalism is quite in keeping with the peanut intellect of the editors of that paper. In its last issue the P.-S. makes a covert and insinuating attack upon some Keytesville young lady, under the caption, "Not used to town," in which it charges that a young lady from Keytesville, visiting in Salisbury on Sunday night of last week, was guilty of "gushing manifestations of affection" before a window to which the blinds had not been drawn, much to the amusement of some boys "who were watching from the sidewalk." The very publicity of the billing and cooing brands the charges of the P.-S. as a lie to begin with. Secondly its information seems to have been obtained from "some boys who were watching from the sidewalk," a source not at all reliable, from the fact that the boys were eavesdroppers and therefore

not worthy of being believed. As to the young lady's "not being used to town" she was at least innocent of any wrong doing or she would have "pulled down the blinds." Certainly her "gushing manifestations of affection" were not a public journal's business. Diabolical insinuations are often the starting point to the wrecking of a young lady's character, and the editors of the P.-S. may consider themselves fortunate if, in the present instance, they escape a deserved horse-whipping.

Economy and Taxation.

The letter of Gov.-elect Flower to Congressman-elect Chapin urging the necessity of economy upon the Democrats of the Fifty-second congress is eminently sound. It is the duty of the Democratic representatives to cut down expenditures wherever retrenchment is possible.

At the same time it will also be their duty to do all in their power to reduce the burden of taxes, thereby increasing the revenues. Our tariff taxes have been far beyond the revenue point for many years, and the McKinley law protects its favorites at the cost of the treasury as well as of the people.

The tariff may be so revised that the free list shall be increased by adding to it a number of raw materials, and by so lowering rates on the dutiable list that the customs revenues will be greater. McKinley's object was to prohibit imports, and naturally revenues fell off. By a judicious revision the loss of income through the needed additions to the free list could be more than offset through a reduction of taxes.

Economy and lower taxes go hand in hand. The saving of the government's money will not help the people if the government maintains its exactions from the people.

We are Democratic.

Time comes on apace and in its tread brings politics and other things.

The Courier is a Democratic journal and is therefore the champion of the nominees of the Democratic party. This paper is not posing as a dictator as to who the Democratic nominees shall be. Of course we have our individual preferences, but we do not think, as the editor of a Democratic paper, that it behooves us to cry down one candidate for a Democratic nomination and endeavor to exalt another in their columns. We do not believe that such journalism can result in any good to the Democratic party, but, on the contrary, is bound to result in more or less bickering and hard feelings.

Certainly it is the privilege of any American citizen to run for office, and we fully recognize this fact in the race now pending for congress in the Second congressional district, of which the Courier is one of the constituents.

The Democratic aspirants so far mentioned for the Second district's representative in congress are, Hon. C. H. Mansur, present incumbent, of Livingston county, and Hon. U. S. Hall, of Randolph county.

Both of these gentlemen represent brains and ability, and the Courier will take pleasure in supporting either of them should either be named as the nominee of the Democratic party.

This is the position the Courier takes and one it will maintain throughout the congressional race.

Missouri Matters.

Floyd Arnold shot and killed Nevell Smith, at Harrisonville, Cass county, on Thursday evening of last week. Arnold was abusing Smith's boy when the elder Smith interposed and received his death wound at the hands of Arnold.

J. R. Nicholson, a young farmer of Johnson county, and a young man by the name of Mike Davis, became involved in a difficulty on Friday night of last week, which resulted in the death of Nicholson. A club in the hands of Davis did the work.

Sheriff Smith, of Pettis county, received a letter on Friday of last week from a gentleman at Olathe, Kansas, requesting two feet of the rope with which the late Thomas Williamson was hanged. The Kansan said it would cure fits, and he wanted to make a fortune out of it. He failed to get the piece of rope, however, as it belonged to Sheriff Hornbeck, of Cooper county.

James Sizemore, an outlaw from Knoxville, Tenn., was captured, after a desperate resistance, at Springfield on Thursday of last week by detectives who had followed him from Tennessee to Missouri.

Charles Miller, foreman in the switch yards of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad, at Nevada, was instantly killed on Friday morning of last week, while trying to make a coupling.

The excitement over the finding of a silver mine in the eastern part of Jackson county still continues. A quantity of the ore has been taken to Kansas City for analysis. The farmers in the vicinity are still prospecting.

Lieutenant James E. Dodge, of the United States army, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, was arrested at Hannibal one day last week for burglarizing a store. In default of bail he was sent to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Two masked men went to the depot of the Chicago & Alton railway

at Independence, Jackson county, on Wednesday of last week and compelled the agent to open his safe, from which they took \$36 in cash and skipped.

An empty hoghead exploded in a Brewing establishment at Kansas City on Friday of last week and seriously, if not fatally, injured two men. Workmen were cleaning the hoghead by a new process when the accident occurred.

A rear end collision between a couple of freight trains on the Frisco railroad, a few miles west of Springfield, on Friday of last week, resulted in the death of one man and the wrecking of several cars.

The Corder bank robber, recently arrested in Tennessee and brought to Lafayette county, broke jail one night last week, and made his escape. He is a bad man and ought to have shared the fate of his partner in the crime, who was hung in the woods when captured.

Harry Mitchell, of Keokuk, arrived in Hannibal on Thursday of last week in company with a couple of women. Soon after their arrival the women sent for a police officer and turned Mitchell over to him on a charge of bigamy.

Samuel Biggerstaff, deputy city marshal at Waverly, Lafayette county, was arrested on Saturday of last week for the killing of James Sours, several weeks ago. It was an accidental killing so far as Sours was concerned, as Biggerstaff shot at another man who was resisting arrest.

James Denning, living a few miles west of Bosworth, was thrown under a loaded wagon by a frightened team on Thursday of last week, receiving very serious injuries.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Circuit court convenes at Fayette next Monday.

Frank Conrad, of near Prairie Hill, has returned home after a year's absence in Idaho.

Thanksgiving next Thursday. Teachers are receiving very high—too high, we fear, for an editor to reach.

W. D. Bowen, of Triplett, has been awarded the contract for building the new Methodist church at that place.

We had a nice rain Saturday and Sunday, but not enough to make sufficient stock water to go into winter quarters.

We want 5,000 bushels of good, sound corn, do not want corn that has been cut and shocked, but want that which has ripened on the stalk.

HANNIBAL & RICK, Keytesville, Mo.

Six desperate prisoners confined in the county jail, at Carrollton, were detected, just as they had completed a means of escape on Saturday night of last week, through the laxness of Sheriff Lewis' daughter, and were foiled in making their escape.

The Salisbury semi-weeklies were short-lived, but the Democrat has got in a scoop on the Press-Spectator by enlarging from a five to a six-column quarto. Looks like the P.-S. was in the rear of the procession after all its bragadoocio.

Dr. J. O. Glenn has sold his residence property, at Shannondale, to Dr. Oliver McEuen, of Muscle Fork township, and will move to Slater to practice his profession, while Dr. McEuen will become Shannondale's "medicine man."

The weather bureau turned several hand-springs from Sunday night until Tuesday morning and landed our people in a regular "northerner," which lasted about twenty-four hours. Heavy snows fell throughout the Northwest.

Carrollton is to have a street railway. The capital of Carroll is trying to keep up with the capital of Chariton. Keytesville has been putting on street railway airs for over two years, and Carrollton is to be doing likewise "see the roses come again."

The question discussed by a rural debating society, near Mendon, a few nights ago was, "Resolved, 'That the alliance is a failure.'" It certainly is when farm machinery is left out in the field all winter, and when the organization drifts into politics and every member wants an office.

Capt. J. C. Wallace sold one note and several accounts, due the late firm of Wheeler & Gilliam, at the east front door of the courthouse last Saturday. They brought all the way from 5 cents to \$5.05, the latter being an account against A. D. Reynolds, formerly of near Keytesville, and later of Marceline, for \$64.50.

A very destructive fire visited Slater on Wednesday morning of last week. It originated in the Central hotel, and soon spread to the entire block, consuming the hotel and five two-story brick business houses before the flames could be subdued. The loss is estimated at \$150,000, and is nothing like covered by insurance.

Circuit Clerk Richardson made a flying trip to Brunswick Tuesday afternoon. By the way, Chariton county has no more accommodation, painstaking or efficient officer than Mr. Richardson. He is always in a good humor and can always be found at his post of duty. Certainly no mistake was made in electing him circuit clerk.

The case of Mrs. Nancy J. Moore vs. the Wabash Western Railroad company, taken on a change of venue from Chariton to Howard county, is docketed for trial one day next week. Mrs. Moore was injured in attempting to board a passenger train at Keytesville station, in December, 1890. She brought suit against the company for \$5,000 damages.

The Keytesville correspondent of the P.-S. says that Chas. Chapman sold his new residence to Messrs. Waugh & Allen. This is a mistake. Mr. Chapman and his bride are occupying his new domicile, and have one of the coziest homes in Keytesville. Messrs. Waugh & Allen were architects and builders of the house and never had a thought of buying it.

Mrs. L. B. Courtney and some of the children returned Friday afternoon from Chicago, Indian Territory. Lou and the rest of the family are coming home by wagon across the country. After trying the red man's habit for eight or nine months, they return to Missouri to live, die and be buried in "God's country." They are now on the lookout for a farm to rent.

Rev. S. F. Massett, of Glasgow, will fill the pulpit of the Baptist church, in Keytesville, next Sunday, morning and evening. All are invited to hear him.

Judge O. F. Smith sold his residence property yesterday, to County Clerk Edwards, for \$20,000. Possession to be given next week. Judge Smith has rented, and will move to the Hyde property on Lincoln avenue, now occupied by B. G. Willett, who recently purchased and will move to the residence property in which Mr. Edwards now resides. Judge Smith will probably build in the spring.

John Burnett and family, of Dalton, will shortly move to Higginsville, where they will be admitted to the ex-Confederate home. Mr. Burnett enlisted in the southern cause in the Sixth Missouri regiment, and lost his arm in fighting for the lost cause. He is now in indigent circumstances and is a worthy subject on whom the charities of the home of the disabled "boys in gray" should be bestowed.

F. M. Bash, of near Guthrie Mills, has moved to, and is now in charge of the McKibben & Laing ranch, in Mendon township. This ranch, at the October term of circuit court, was in litigation, Messrs. McKibben & Laing and J. W. Nichols being the litigants. The case was decided against Nichols and McKibben & Laing were put in possession of the premises, which contain 1,200 acres of farming and fine pasture lands.

Martin Peters, of Salisbury, was brought to the capital Thursday and arraigned before a justice of the peace on a charge of gambling. The recent grand jury having found an indictment against him on that charge. Mr. Peters protests his innocence and says he never gambled in his life. He promptly gave bond in the sum of \$50 for his appearance at the April term of circuit court. Peters is a young, unmarried man and is one of the proprietors of the Salisbury creamery.

Keytesville merchants are having a trade this fall that any town three times her size might envy. They have the goods and are making the prices that sell them. We frequently see parties almost within a stone's throw of other towns in the county buying large bills of goods in Keytesville "straws show which way the wind blows," and commerce shows where the trade goes. Come to Keytesville for bargains.

We call attention to the advertisement of the North Missouri institute, which appears in another column. The winter term opens Dec. 14th. This school now has an enrollment of ninety-five pupils, although this is its first year, and promises to become one of the leading institutions of learning in this state. For further particulars as to the course of study, terms of tuition, etc., write to Prof. G. C. Briggs, principal, Salisbury, Mo.

Dr. Geo. D. Parinton gave us a splendid lecture on the "Fertilization of Flowers." It was illustrated by stereopticon views. The professor is an eminent scholar and a credit to the state university. Even the little children in the preparatory department want to know when he is coming back again. The ticket holders were more than pleased, and express a hope that the other lectures of the course will be as good as Dr. Parinton's. Salisbury Academy.

Mrs. Robt. Hurt had the misfortune to lose her farm dwelling house, six miles southeast of Keytesville, by fire, Monday about noon. Most of Mrs. Hurt's effects were saved, but her son, A. D. Hurt, Jr., and wife, who made their home with Mrs. Hurt, lost about all of their household goods and wearing apparel. There was not, we understand, a cent of insurance on either house or contents. A fire was built in a stove of one of the rooms, and when the room was next entered the floor was all in a blaze and beyond control when discovered. It is supposed that a coal fire fell from the stove and set fire to the floor.

District Meetings of the Christian Churches of Sullivan, Putnam, Linn, Carroll and Chariton Counties. — Salisbury, Dec. 7-9, 1891.

MONDAY.
7 p. m.—Devotional—P. H. Glenn.
Introductory Sermon—Dr. J. H. Foy.

TUESDAY.
9 a. m.—Devotional—Henry Eubank.
9:30—Convention called to order by chairman. Minutes of last meeting.
10—Our strength and needs in the district—E. M. Smith and W. G. Barker.
11—Sermon by J. M. Smith.
2 p. m.—Reports of delegates and visitors.
3—Discussion: "How to enlist the churches more fully in the district work," led by A. P. Merrill and W. K. Bates.

7 p. m.—Devotional—J. B. Jesse.
7:30—Sermon by G. A. Hoffman.

WEDNESDAY.
9 a. m.—Devotional—Elder McCano.
9:30—Further Reports.
10—What is the district going to do in home work in 1892?—E. P. Grove and J. M. Blinlock.
11—Sermon by W. H. Cook and W. P. Hennessy.

2 p. m.—Devotional—E. J. Martin.
2:30—Unfinished business.
3—C. W. B. M. work—Mrs. W. G. Barker.
7—S. S. work—H. F. Davis.
All persons expecting to attend the convention should send their names to W. K. Gallimore, Salisbury, Mo.

Bell School—House Bubbles.

BY FINDY.
It seems that the north has come nearer to us from the cool breezes that now pinch our cheeks. The youngsters had a social hop at John Bennetts on last Thursday night.

John L. Eldon and his family are preparing to move to Brunswick where they will make their future home. A. C. Stevenson, north of Chariton, has his new residence about completed. Perry Coleman, Chariton's artistic painter, happened to a painful accident on Thursday of last week, while working on Dode Crane's house. The rope that gave way and Perry fell some sixteen feet on several pieces of timber. But Perry is the champion corn shucker of this community, and now sees his error, working by contract, when he is offered liberal daily wages. He was offered 75 cts. a day by Mr. Furrow to shuck thirty acres of corn, or one cent a bushel. He accepted the latter offer, and has made an average of thirty-five cents a day on his contract. Mr. Stricker is seeking a similar position.

Guthrie Mills Gossip.

BY FINDY.
We are grateful for the rain. I. H. McKittrick, our former merchant, of the Mills, has been buying hogs the past week. A protracted meeting is being conducted at Mt. Pleasant by Rev. James Frisby, of Kentucky. R. R. Shands is making some substantial improvements on his farm. Quite a number of our farmers are through gathering corn. J. W. Ashley will move to his farm, purchased of Wm. Neighbors, this week. Prairie View school is progressing nicely with J. R. Dempsey as teacher. The Sunday school at Mt. Pleasant is still in healthy condition and is being well attended. We are truly sorry to hear of the death of Prof. T. J. Shands. Wm. Neighbors and family took their departure for Sedalia, Mo., a week ago Sunday, where they will reside in the future. James Clavin is painting his new barn, near Prairie View. Geo. Buchanan, col. has been buying hogs the past week. We did not hear the price paid.

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